

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, the Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol of our nation's commitment to encouraging progress, creating opportunity and expanding development at the grass-roots level in the developing world; and

WHEREAS, more than 187,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps volunteers in 139 countries since 1961; and

WHEREAS, over the past 46 years, 1,116 men and women from the State of Idaho have responded to our nation's call to serve by joining the Peace Corps; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps volunteers have made significant and lasting contributions around the world in agriculture, business development, information technology, education, health and the environment, and have improved the lives of individuals and communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps volunteers have strengthened the ties of friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize the achievements of the Peace Corps and honor its volunteers, past and present, and reaffirm our country's commitment to helping people help themselves throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim February 26 through March 4, 2007

PEACE CORPS WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 22^{nd} day of February in the year of our Lord two-thousand and seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred seventeenth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER GOVERNOR

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